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SUBJECT: GATT WP ON COLOMBIAN PROVISIONAL ACCESSION

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1. PER REQUEST REFTTEL, MISSION MAY WISH TO RAISE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR JARAMILLO IN ADVANCE OF WORKING PARTY DISCUSSION OF GOC REPLIES TO QUESTIONS FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES ON COLOMBIA'S FOREIGN TRADE REGIME (GATT DOCUMENT L/4085).

2. CONCERNING QUESTION AND ANSWER NO. 9, EXPORT REGIME, WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETIME THIS YEAR (1975) THE GOC WILL REPLACE THE "CERTIFICATE OF TAX RECEIPT" SYSTEM WITH ISSUES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF NEGOTIABLE BONDS. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THESE

BONDS ARE TO BE ISSUED TO EXPORTERS, MAY BE USED TO PAY TAXES, ARE TRANSFERABLE, AND BEAR AN INTEREST OF 27 PERCENT ANNUALLY. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF AMBASSADOR JARAMILLO COULD ELABORATE ON THE PURPOSES AND MECHANISMS OF THESE BONDS.

3. RE QUESTION AND ANSWER NO.17, WHICH DEALS WITH COLOMBIA'S IMPORT REGIME, WHY HAS THE EXPORT PROMOTION

FUND DUTY BEEN INCREASED FROM 1.5 PERCENT OF C.I.F. VALUE TO 3.5 PERCENT? IS IT TRUE THAT A FURTHER INCREASE TO 5 PERCENT IS PLANNED FOR LATER THIS YEAR? WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR THIS POLICY INCLUDING POSSIBLE FUTURE INCREASES? FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO COLOMBIA'S DEVELOPMENT SURCHARGES ("CUOTAS DE FOMENTO"), WHY ARE THEY NOT CONSIDERED TAXES ON IMPORTS? WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THESE SURCHARGES AND TO WHAT ITEMS DO THEY APPLY?

4. ANY COMMENT EMBASSY BOGOTA MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON THE ABOVE WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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